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STUDENT INTERN
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

INTRODUCTION

Students considering positions as interns with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York often ask whether paid internships are available. This brochure provides information concerning the limited stipend opportunities that are available to summer interns.

Students should be aware that the Office has no source of funds with which to pay interns. Accordingly, historically, the overwhelming majority of our summer interns have worked with us without any monetary remuneration, concluding that the exciting and valuable experience is well worth the financial sacrifice. There are, however, a limited number of funding sources available to assist students. The primary sources are: (1) public interest grants; (2) federal work study funding from law schools; (3) other funding sources from law schools or public interest sources; and (4) fellowships specifically designated for interns in the Office's summer program.

PUBLIC INTEREST GRANTS

Occasionally, student interns inform the Office of foundations that provide summer internship stipends or grant awards to law school students who work in public interest jobs. At the request of any student intern, we will, within our authorization, assist the intern in obtaining one of these grants. Please be advised, however, that we do not have authority to extend funds for this purpose, nor are we able to provide any matching employer contributions that may be required by grant donors. (Where such grants have been made contingent upon a matching employer contribution, we have found that, upon our request, the grantors will often waive this requirement for students who work in this Office.)

For further information about the existence and availability of these grants, students are advised to consult their law school Placement, Financial Aid and Public Interest Law Program offices.

FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

We are aware of a very limited number of student stipends that are awarded to our summer interns by private grantors on the basis of financial need and merit. Students interested in obtaining one of these grants should read the enclosed information carefully and apply in accordance with the instructions. Students must forward their applications directly to the United States Attorney's Office, as instructed below, in order to be eligible for a stipend from one of these fellowship funds. It is anticipated that the summer 2004 stipend awards will be approximately \$5,000 per intern for a ten-week commitment. Further questions about these stipends should be made, in writing, to the person designated herein to receive applications. Students are advised that the private grantors listed herein require that applicants use their best efforts to seek funding from other sources, e.g., public interest grants, work study, etc., in addition to applying for funding from the private grantors. Students must be prepared to demonstrate that they have submitted applications for funding from these other sources at the time of application, or shortly thereafter, to the private funding sources listed herein.

Only one fellowship grant application is required to be submitted to the Office, as the Funds are jointly administered by a committee of the Federal Bar Council.

APPLICATIONS FROM SECOND-YEAR LAW STUDENTS FOR A GRANT FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 5, 2004. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FROM FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS IS FEBRUARY 28, 2005.

Fellowship Grant Sources

Riot Relief Fellowship Fund

This Fund was established in 1863 to assist the families of New York City law enforcement officers killed or injured in the anti-draft, anti-abolitionist riots in the City at the start of the Civil War. Throughout its long and distinguished history, the Fund has provided grants to the families of slain New York City police officers, scholarships to selected police officers pursuing higher education goals, and stipends to selected law students serving as interns in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Judge J. Edward Lumbard Fellowship Fund

These grants are awarded as a result of contributions made each year by Assistant United States Attorneys who served under former United States Attorney (and United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Second Circuit) J. Edward Lumbard. Four grants were awarded to interns last summer. Judge Lumbard, who was United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1953 to 1955, founded the student-internship program at the Office - the first summer internship program in any large prosecuting office in the United States.

Robert J. Fiske, Jr. Fellowship Fund

These grants are awarded as a result of contributions made each year by Assistant United States Attorneys who served under former United States Attorney Robert J. Fiske, Jr. Mr. Fiske was the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1976 to 1980, and has continued thereafter in a distinguished career of public service and private legal practice. In the summer of 2001, this Fund provided stipends for four interns.

Lloyd F. MacMahon Fellowship Fund

These fellowship grants were created in memory of Judge Lloyd F. MacMahon (1912-1989), a notable trial attorney and judge, who taught and encouraged many young lawyers to become trial attorneys. Lloyd MacMahon served as Chief Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1953 to 1955, and as Acting United States Attorney from 1955 to 1956. In 1953, he helped establish the student internship program at the Office. From 1959 until his death in 1989, Lloyd MacMahon served with distinction as one of the most productive United States District Judges in the Southern District of New York. In the summer of 2001, this Fund provided stipends for five interns.

Arthur N. Abbey Fellowship Fund

These fellowship grants are awarded as the result of a contribution made to New York Law School by Arthur N. Abbey, Esq. Mr. Abbey is a partner with the law firm Abbey, Gardy & Squitieri, LLP, where he specializes in all aspects of federal securities litigation. In the summer of 2001, this Fund provided a stipend for one New York Law School student.

Richard F. Tennien Fellowship Fund

These grants were created in memory of Richard F. Tennien, who worked as an investigator for the New York State Organized Crime Task Force after many years as a detective with the Suffolk County Police Department. As an investigator for the State Organized Crime Task Force in the 1980's, Mr. Tennien played a pivotal role in state and federal investigations involving the activities of New York's most dangerous organized crime families, including investigations which led to the successful prosecution of leading members of several crime families. At the time of his death in 2001, Tennien was employed by the private investigation firm Kroll & Associates, where he remained a continuing vital source of information for law enforcement in the area of racketeering prosecutions.

ELIGIBILITY

Every first and second year law student who is offered an internship for the summer and has a financial need is eligible to apply for a grant from the Funds. The recipient of a grant award must agree to work at least 10 weeks with the Office. Students who elect to split their summer between the Office and another employer are not eligible for a grant award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students applying for a grant award should indicate in their application whether (i) they would accept their offer for a summer intern position with the Office if they receive a stipend award, (ii) their acceptance of the offer to work in the Office is contingent upon receipt of a stipend award, and (iii) whether they have applied for, the status of, and/or whether they have received funding from other funding sources, e.g., public interest grants or work study. All applicants must also provide the following information:

1. The name and address of the applicant's high school;
2. The income and occupation of the applicant's spouse, if married;
3. The incomes and occupations of the applicant's parents, even if the applicant claims financial independence from them;
4. The amount of the applicant's educational loan debt, if any,
 - a) presently, and
 - b) as anticipated at the time of the applicant's graduation from law school;
5. Any other facts which the applicant feels are pertinent to a consideration of his/her financial need.

In addition to the above information, grant applicants must send four (4) copies each of:

1. a statement providing the reasons the applicant believes s/he should be selected for a grant;
2. a current resume (including a telephone number where the applicant may be reached);
3. a transcript of the applicant's law school grades;
4. a completed copy of the applicant's most recent law school applications for financial aid; and
5. a legal writing sample of not less than ten (10) pages in length to:

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SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Selections for receipt of the Abbey, Fiske, Lumbard and MacMahon stipend awards will be made by a representative of this Office and the respective Funds. Applicants who are second-year law students may expect to be notified of the grantors' award decisions late January 2005. First-year students will be notified late April 2005.